

# Mind-Control Experimentation: A Travesty of Human Rights in the United States

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## INTRODUCTION

Our government, under the auspices of the CIA and U.S. military, has committed severe human rights violations that require a public apology and restitution. From the end of World War II through the 1970s, the United States government engaged in mind-control experimentation on human subjects, both adults and children.<sup>1</sup> These experiments included the use of drugs, hypnosis, electroshock, sexual abuse, and torture.<sup>2</sup> Justice remains elusive for those who have been the victims of these experiments. No one knows how many people

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1. See generally CAROL RUTZ, A NATION BETRAYED (2001) (discussing CIA mind-control experiments); COLIN A. ROSS, BLUEBIRD: DELIBERATE CREATION OF MULTIPLE PERSONALITY BY PSYCHIATRISTS (2000) (discussing mind-control experiments carried out by the CIA, Army, Navy, and Air Force). There is some evidence that government mind-control experimentation continued at least into the 1980s. CIA Project STARGATE, a study of paranormal methods of spying, ran through 1984. *Id.* at 66. This paper focuses only on experiments carried out prior to 1980, as information about these experiments is more readily available.

2. RUTZ, *supra* note 1.